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Apple Day Focus on Fort Riley families

By Emily O'Connor
K-State Intern

As the weather begins to become cooler and thoughts of autumn come to mind, so approaches Fort Riley's Fall Open House and Apple Day.

This open house is more focused on the Fort Riley community according to Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley.

"With the first one, I wanted to display Fort Riley to the public," said Metz. "This time I want to focus on the people who live at Fort Riley, so they can see how wonderful it is after the summer changeovers of all the leaders. We're focusing inward instead of outward."

An Expo Tent, featuring several displays and interactive booths, will be located in the middle of Cavalry Parade Field. Booths will be focused on helping people new to the Fort Riley community become accustomed to all that is available to the soldier and family on post.

While this open house will be

smaller than the one held in June, there will still be something for everyone, and the event will be featuring many of the same events as seen at the June Open House, according to Metz.

Children of all ages will enjoy the "Own the Night" night vision course, at King Field House; the weapons firing course at Sturgis Field; the obstacle course located



at Tuttle Park and Fort Riley Honor Guard demonstrations on the western edge of Cavalry Parade Field.

For those interested in the historic aspect of Fort Riley, the U.S. Cavalry Museum, U.S. Constabulary and Regimental Museum and the Custer House will all be open for visitors, according to Brad Carlton, chief of garrison operations.

The Custer House will feature

"We hope to give people a feel for how our forefathers at Fort Riley lived and played."

Robert White, one of the reenactors who portrays a mountain man and goes by his Indian name, Wa-Ya-Shi, has been reenacting since 1975. A bearded fellow with brimmed hat adorned in Indian beadwork, he will be dressed in a



across the nation where mountain men hone their skills and have competitions, White agreed to put in an appearance at Apple Day. Being a purveyor of stories, some of which are true and others being tall tales, White will invite folks to learn more about his bead loom, flintlock and muzzle loading rifles and black powder revolver and share in his campfire cuisine. White said he will demonstrate how to load the weapons, make beaded necklaces and belts and will invite visitors to taste his stew. He will also invite tasters to guess the "mystery meat" that adds such a unique flavor to his stew.

All of White's demonstrations are laced with the history of what a mountain man is really like. "I want to dispel the myths people have about mountain men," White said. "To do this, I portray a mountain man scout who has a post suter."

Dave Zerfus, another reenactor at Apple Day, will portray an 1800s singer/song writer. He believes that frontier life wasn't all about work and survival.

As "the singing cowboy," Zerfus has been feeding people history in an entertaining way at Apple Day since 1995. He said that Apple Day was the defining moment for him in developing his persona for the rest of his circuit performances at Fort Riley and across the state. He said he enjoys keeping people's attention through songs and wild stories - all of which are true, according to Zerfus.

"My goal is to suspend time in the 1860s, 70s and 80s, sharing the history of Kansas," Zerfus said. "I like to tell folks how wild things were in Kansas - history they never really told us."

As a songwriter, it's a real interesting challenge to tell the stories written in the 1800s newspapers," Zerfus added. "There's a lot of hair-raising stuff to tell

the pies giving Apple Day its name, along with hand-pressed apple cider. Whole pies can be purchased for \$7, by the slice or alamoche at the Custer House that day.

"They're wonderful, even if frozen after a while," Metz said. "You can save them until Thanksgiving or even as late as Christmas."

The two chapels on Main Post, St. Mary's Chapel and Main Post Chapel, will also be open to visitors on Apple Day.

"These chapels represent our country's religious heritage and the importance worshipping God has in our military history," said Chap. (Col.) Daniel Paul, 24th Inf. Div. and Fort Riley.

Other Open House and Apple Day attractions will include remote radio broadcasts, a variety of concession stands and live entertainment, such as square dancers, musicians, storytellers and reenactors. For more information about the Fort Riley Open House and Apple Day, please visit the Fort Riley website at www.riley.army.mil or call 239-2022.

that's really exciting. I sing about the people in history; whether they're good people, bad people, soldiers or Indians trying to hold on to their buffalo ground."

Zerfus said he especially likes to sing about the Indian War era because these songs are part of Fort Riley history. "It's a voyage of discovery," Zerfus said to go to places that I'm actually singing about. Fort Riley's a wonderful place, and I'm always thrilled to be able to share their history."

For more information about contacting reenactors for your community's events, call 717-3573. For more information on Apple Day, call 239-2022.



Children run and crawl through obstacles during the Spring Open House on Fort Riley. The obstacle course is an activity geared for children of all ages.

Obstacle course challenging

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The Fort Riley Open House scheduled for Sept. 28 will have many events for children to enjoy along with their parents.

The obstacle course is an activity geared for children aged 3 to 103, said Sgt. 1st Class Oscar Eaton, Company A, 70th Engineer Battalion. The course is based on the same obstacles that soldiers go through on Fort Riley, Eaton said. "It's all scaled down for kids."

It begins with a briefing in the command tent. The youngsters will have their faces camouflaged and will be supplied with a helmet and a secret message to deliver to the other side of the course, said Eaton.

The course includes about seven different obstacles, including a maze of hay bales, rope jump and low crawl zone.

In the maze, participants will also have to keep an eye out for "snipers" armed with water guns, said Eaton. "When they see the snipers, they will need to speed up their pace," he added. The rope jump will require the kids to swing over a "pit" of hay bales. A barbed wire, represented by engineer tape, will be strung eight to 10 inches above the ground for participants to low crawl under.

Medals will be awarded to finishers in a ceremony at the awards tent at the end of the course.

There are no age, height or weight requirements to participate in the obstacle course. "As long as they are physically able to maneuver the lanes, we will let them go through, but parents may want to accompany smaller children," said Eaton. "We do ask that if anyone is allergic to the camouflage make up, they let us know ahead of time," he added.

Medics will be on hand to take care of any accidental injuries, said Eaton.

The course will start sending future soldiers through in the morning and continue until the last child is through, said Eaton. "We will be out there all day, as long as there is someone who wants to go through it."

The obstacle course is just one of many events scheduled during the Fall Open House. The Fort Riley Honor Guard will hold several demonstrations during the day, including drills at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will be selling fresh baked apple pies at Custer House. There will also be several tours available that day, to include Custer House, the U.S. Cavalry Museum and a self-guided walking tour of the Main Post.

For more information on Apple Day or Open House, call 239-2022.

Reenactors will be one of the many featured attractions for this year's Open House and Apple Day, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Cavalry Parade Field.

Barbara Brinkley, vice-president, Historical and Archeological Society, Fort Riley, said this was her first year coordinating for reenactors and found it an interesting challenge. She started her search for reenactors from a list provided to her by the Clay Center Museum curator.

"This is an extremely busy time of the year for reenactors, but it's been a really fun challenge because I've gotten to meet local folks from Kansas that I would never have met otherwise," Brinkley said. "We were fortunate enough to find local historians in our own back yard."

This year's reenactors come from all walks of life, civilians, retired military and soldiers from Fort Riley, according to Brinkley. She added that they all come dressed in character, some sewing their own period clothing, while others order their period dress from catalogs and still others rent from local costume shops.

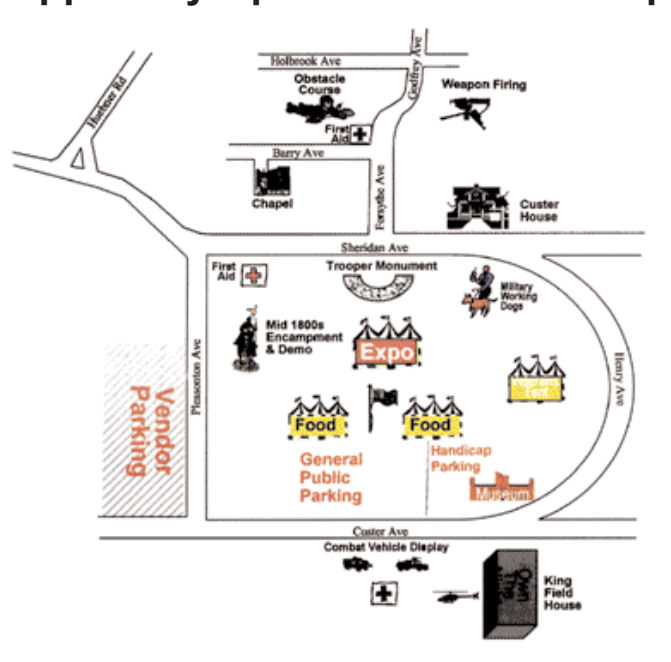
"There's a Fort Riley school teacher, a couple of gentlemen from Junction City and Salina and a cowboy singer from Manhattan," Brinkley explained. "We even have a few new reenactors, such as a historic farmer, storytellers, a mountain man scout and Confederate POWs (prisoners of war), all originating from a 35-mile radius of Fort Riley."

Brinkley encourages Apple Day visitors to come and learn about wood craftsman, farmers, scouts and mountain men of the era, as well as visiting exhibits of 1800s artifacts and photographs.

Brinkley said the HASER ladies, wearing their bonnets and long dresses, will serve freshly baked apple pie - with ice cream if you wish - and hand-pressed apple cider at the Custer House.

"It's a slice of history in more ways than one," Brinkley said.

Apple Day/Open House event map





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Fort Riley Auto Shop offers lower prices, expert advice

By Emily O'Connor

K-State Intern

Fort Riley's Auto Skills Center is a place soldiers and their dependents can go to perform anything from routine maintenance to big overhauls on their vehicles, all at a price much lower than what one could expect from an auto shop off post.

"We have a lot of things to offer the soldier," Beverly Johnson, Auto Skills Shop manager said. "We just have to get them in here."

The facility offers 15 vehicle lifts, multiple open bays, each with a complete tool set and roll-around bench for custom use, and several trained mechanics who are available to answer questions and offer advice and assistance when

needed.

"I'm here working on the headers on my Jeep. It's so much cheaper to do the work here, and you can learn from the guys on the floor," said Airman Beau French. "They're very helpful and friendly here."

One of the benefits of using the Auto Skills Center is the opportunity to use the Mitchell On-Demand system. This program, loaded on a computer right in the shop, can help patrons find out information about their car's systems. The On-Demand program provides repair information, specifications and estimates for the cost of repairs needed.

A complete computer diagnostic system, along with several hand-held diagnostic systems, are available in the center, also.

"These diagnostic systems are

for analyzing the vehicles systems to figure out what's wrong with it," Johnson said.

While working on your vehicle, you might find that you need a new part, but you won't have to drive off post to find it according to Johnson. "We have a tools and parts window right in the shop. If we don't have the part needed, we try to get it delivered from in town," Johnson said.

Soldiers that need to paint their cars or motorcycles have the opportunity to use one of the best paint booths available in this area, Johnson said.

Before the painting process begins Rob Myers, body shop supervisor, inspects the bodywork done to prepare the vehicle for painting. Johnson said that if the body of the car isn't perfect after preparation, Myers won't consid-

er painting it until the body is as perfect as possible.

The paint jobs are performed by Myers because of health and safety regulations. He said that a typical paint job can take about one day to complete.

"The paint booth we've got is better than 95 percent of the shops out there," Myers said. "It cost about \$85,000 and is very efficient."

Myers has completed many types of paint jobs over the years, including several custom jobs. "I've had several motorcycles that we've done flames for. We can do just about anything, as long as the soldier has the time and the money for it."

The benefits of the Auto Skills Center don't end in the shop, however. Classes are offered for teens, 13-18 years old.

"The basic mechanics class for youth teaches them a little about everything," Johnson said.

"They'll learn to change their oil and tires; a little bit about brakes; information about basic tools and batteries. They also learn what types of things they need to keep in their cars for the winter."

Space is also available for meetings and coffee groups at the Auto Skills Center. "We have room for 30 to 35 people in our classroom," Johnson said. "If someone wants to schedule a meeting here or have a demonstration given or a tour, we'd be glad to help them out."

The Auto Skills Center is located at 7753 Apenines. Hours of operation are Wednesday - Friday, 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The facility is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

For more information on the Auto Skills Center and the most up-to-date hours of operation, visit the Fort Riley website at www.riley.army.mil; go to the Recreation pull-down menu and click on Auto Skills Shop.



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Airman Beau French, 10th ASOS, works on the headers of his car in the auto garage. The facility offers 15 vehicle lifts, multiple open bays, each with a complete tool set and roll-around bench for custom use and several trained mechanics available to help.



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Staff Sgt. Kenneth Trice, Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion, takes a look under his truck in the garage located at the Auto Skills Center.

Auto Skills Shop Services

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Battery recharging
Fuel injector cleaning
Valve grinding
Valve knurling

Children agree school lunches nutritious, delicious

By Jamie Bender

Staff writer

Along with reading, writing and arithmetic, schools also provide students with nutritious meals including breakfast in the morning and lunch, with the option of a salad bar.

The school breakfast program has been in place for 15 years or more, said Liliane Gibson, kitchen manager at Ware Elementary. "We have very good participation," she added.

For lunch, fourth and fifth grade students can choose between the hot lunches offered or a salad bar. "The salad bar option was started about 10 years

or so ago for elementary schools," Gibson said. It is very popular, with anywhere from 20 to 100 students choosing it, depending on what the hot lunch for the day is, she said.

Students have their favorite meals, said Gibson. "Pizza and chicken nuggets are ones that all the kids seem to like," she said.

"I like the apple sauce and yogurt," said Chelsea Pierson, "anything that's sweet."

"If they have something good like a cookie or yogurt, I eat the hot lunch, if not, I get the salad bar," said Ona Poyer.

The salad bar offers lettuce salad with various toppings, including tomatoes, pickles, car-

rots and other vegetables, plus dressing choices. "We try to vary the toppings so the kids are not stuck with the same thing all the time," said Gibson. Also on the salad bar, the students can choose cottage cheese, potato salad or macaroni salad.

"On the salad bar I like the pickles and cucumbers and crou-tons," said Jordan Walking Eagle. "Bread and applesauce is what I like for the hot lunches," she added.

"You can't please everyone all of the time, and some foods are liked better than others."

"One of my favorites is mashed potatoes," said Joseph Prand. "But I don't like the mac and

cheese. They put green peppers in for some reason."

The menus for school lunches follow strict federal guidelines, said Gibson.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's website, the National School Lunch Act requires schools to provide meals that "safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children. This means that schools must serve meals that comply with the recommendations of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans."

These recommendations include eating a variety of foods, a diet with plenty of grain products, vegetables and fruits, moderate levels of salt and sugar and 30

percent or less of calories from fat. In addition, lunches must provide at least one-third of the daily Recommended Dietary Allowances for protein, iron, calcium and vitamins A and C.

When children are establishing their eating habits, Beth Gallaher, licensed dietitian at Irwin Army Community Hospital, believes that good nutrition starts at home by example. "What choices you offer your children are what determines how they eat," she said.

Many times children's dietary problems, such as obesity, are not caused as much by what they eat as what they drink, she said. "Drinking too much milk or juice can add a lot of unnecessary calo-

ries."

Gallaher believes snacks are beneficial to children also.

"Snacks are a good thing," Gallaher said. Children need more calories and nutrients as they grow older, she said. "Think of snacks as another small meal."

When offering children snacks, Gallaher recommends parents offer choices of food groups. Snacks such as crackers and cheese and juice, or fruit, bread and milk, are good choices, she said.

More information on child nutrition programs in Kansas can be found on the Kansas Nutrition Education, Administration, Training website at www.kn-eat.org.

Symposiums scheduled for families, teens -- opinions wanted

By Emily O'Connor

K-State Intern

The Army Family Action Plan will be conducting two symposiums during the month of October. The Teen Symposium will be Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Teen Center, building 5800, and will focus on issues teens on post deem important.

Teens are encouraged to attend the event to allow their voice to be heard in the community. Adult facilitators will be on hand, along with subject matter experts to assist in the process. A spokesperson will be chosen to out-brief Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, on Oct. 18.

The event is free and will include lunch and door prizes. The Army Family Symposium, a workshop for adults, will be at Riley's Event Center, building 446, Oct. 17-18. Participants will be divided into groups to discuss issues on topics such as medical/dental, childcare, housing, civilian personnel, force support, benefits and entitlements and more. The group members will make suggestions to solve the problems and select a person to out-brief Metz on Oct. 18.

There is no fee for the event and lunches will be provided. For more information, contact Becky Willis at the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264, or call 239-9435.

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Apple pie recipe rumored to be Libby Custer's

By Jamie Bender

Staff writer

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will be selling apple pies for the Apple Day and Fort Riley Open House Sept. 28.

The baking and selling of apple pies on Fort Riley began about 15 years ago, said Rachelle Boslego, HASFR president.

"We started in the late '80s in conjunction with the historical home tours as a fundraiser," she said. "As the years went on, it grew."

Today, apple pie sales are still the main fundraiser for HASFR, said Gail Asher, HASFR member. "Profits from the sale of the pies are reinvested into renovations

and upkeep of Custer House, Fort Riley Combined Scholarship Fund, historical markers and living history events at Fort Riley," she said.

This year, HASFR is baking 1,000 pies. The secret recipe is rumored to be from Libby Custer and is guarded in good fun by HASFR, said Asher. "No one actually knows for sure since it is now designed to make 1,000 pies," she added.

The recipe requires 580 pounds of sugar, 635 pounds of flour, 200 pounds of butter and almost 10,000 Jonathan apples, said Asher. Volunteers assembled pre-ordered pies Sept. 11-13. The pre-ordered pies are frozen and come with baking instructions.

Keeping the recipe secret is not as difficult as you might think,

said Asher. "We assemble the pies in stations," she said. "One group peels and slices, another mixes the spices and still another fills the pies and puts the French crumb topping on."

For more information on Apple Day pie sales or to volunteer, contact HASFR by e-mail at AppleDayPie@cs.com or call 717-3263.

that day, pies may be bought by the slice, alamoed or whole. The whole pies are \$7 each, frozen or baked, and will be sold on a first come first serve basis, Asher said.

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K-State teams up with Fort Riley making game exciting, successful for community

By Christie Vanover
Staff Writer

Concealed among the 45,000 plus K-State football fans decked head to toe in every shade of purple lies the camouflaged support of an Army.

Soldiers, military family members and cadets work concessions, provide entertainment and work as security guards during Wildcat home games.

K-State recognized that support Sept. 14, as it hosted K-State/Fort Riley Day. Two military police Humvees and a military ambulance were displayed with soldiers in the tailgate area to interact with fans.

Before kick off, the Cats opened their third home game with a patriotic pre-game ceremony. Soldiers from Fort Riley's 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor marched onto the field carrying the post's brigade and battalion colors.

Then, as the National Anthem began, 16 soldiers unfurled a huge U.S. flag that took up one-tenth of the field.

"I think these guys have great honor being that we've been chosen to represent the United States Army, Fort Riley communities and our units and our brigades in front of the civilian crowd who don't see too many Army personnel," said Sgt. Frankie Lopez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor.

Following pre-game, the soldiers were invited to watch the game against Eastern Illinois, and within two-and-a-half minutes, K-State demonstrated why they are undefeated. Rashad Washington blocked Eastern Illinois' punt return, and Danny Morris recov-

ered it for a three-yard touchdown.

Eastern Illinois rebutted within five minutes, scoring their first touchdown of the game. For the first time this season, the scoreboard read "Visitor's 6." The Wildcats, however, didn't give the Panthers any time to celebrate. Terence Newman caught Eastern Illinois' kick off and returned it for a 95-yard touchdown.

With just over two minutes left on the first quarter clock, the Panthers fought back with their final touchdown of the afternoon, bringing the score to 15-13.

The Wildcats took control of the game during the second quarter as they added 28 uncontested points. As most fans watched with excitement, the north end zone was brimming with nervousness, as local high school band members anxiously awaited their half-time performance.

Junction City High School was among the bands asked to perform with the KSU band during Band Day. Amanda Bomia, a junior at JCHS, is a member of the Color Guard. Bomia, the daughter of 1st Sgt. Rick Bomia, 1st Maintenance Battalion, twirled her flag to "I ain't got nobody" and the KSU fight song.

She admitted she was nervous to be performing in front of such a large crowd. On the other hand, Band Day veterans and Fort Riley family members, Ashley Wheeler and Geoffrey Thomas, felt right at home.

"My first year I didn't really know what was going on because I had never been in a marching band before," said Wheeler. But now, the senior hopes to play for a band in college.

As the bands played through

the rain, hundreds of fans fled to the concession stands stocking up for the second half.

Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Smith, Company B, 70th Engineers, was prepared for the rush of hungry purple people eaters. As a Sgt. Audie Murphy Club member, he

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Amanda Bomia, a Junction City High School Color Guard member, stands in formation on K-State's football field during halftime Sept. 14. Bomia is the daughter of 1st Sgt. Rick Bomia, 1st Maintenance Battalion.

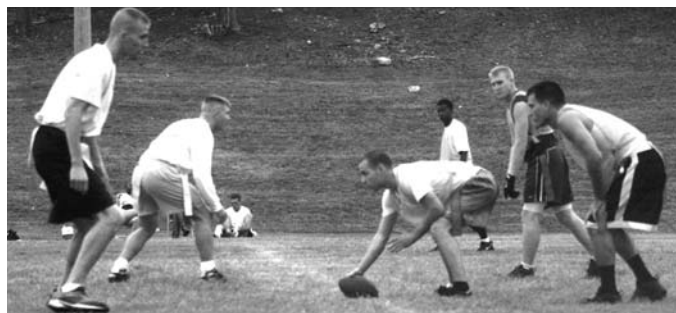


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Fort Riley soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor display the Garrison Flag during pre-game activities on Kansas State University's football field.



Post/Selmek

The Ghostriders of 24th Infantry Division face-off against the 568th Combat Support Element during their recent flag football game on post. The Ghostriders won the game, 27-6.

Ghostriders win first game of season

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

The Ghostriders of 24th Infantry Division rolled over 568th Combat Support Element, 27-6, on Sturgis Field Sept. 12.

This was the first official game played by the Ghostriders, leading to some speculation before the game began that they would be unprepared for 568th, who were coming off of a win.

"I think the whole team feels very confident," said Hugo Luna, 568th CSE, before the game. "We came out here with a good attitude and we're ready to win."

"From practice, I think we'll have a pretty good game," said Kendrick Gaines, 24th ID. "As I remember from last year, 568th CSE is pretty good team, but I know we have a lot of talent and all we need to do is utilize it to beat them."

The line of scrimmage bounced back and forth between the 20 and 40-yard lines for both teams during the first part of the game, and the first significant gain came when the quarterback, Jason Shepherd, ran 20 yards and then tossed the ball to Bob Miller. Unfortunately for the Ghostriders, the referees declared an illegal use of hands, and the play went uncounted.

Not to be discouraged, the Ghostriders soon made the first score of the game, when Shepherd made a pitch to a teammate, who ran a few yards before throwing the ball to Miller, who ran in for a touchdown.

"We're going to win because we have determination," said Warren William, 24th ID, during the game. "That's the most important thing."

That was it for action in the first quarter, however.

In the second quarter, 24th ID made a false start on their first play, losing five yards and eventually handing control of the ball over to the opposing team.

Key's first two throws missed the runner completely and the third was blocked by a Ghost rider defender and the ball bounced to the ground without being intercepted. His fourth throw, however, was intercepted by Gaines. Gaines then ran into the end zone for the second touchdown of the game. After a successful conversion, the score was 7-0.

This was immediately followed by the third touchdown on the next play with a pass from Shepherd on the 20-yard line to Miller standing in the end zone.

As soon as Key had the ball again, he knew it was time to see some action and went all out on a misdirection play. The center snapped the ball and Key took a step back

with it, then handed it off to a teammate. He ran through a large crowd of the defense who were somehow unable to pull his flags from him, possibly due to his speed and the way he surprised the group by not evading. He was caught up with at the 20-yard line, however, and the line of scrimmage shifted.

Key, wanting to continue his good tactic, made a lateral pass to a teammate who ran a few yards, pump faked it to a teammate and ran the other way around a crowd, leaning in the opposite direction, making it in for the first CSE score of the game. This put the score at 7-6.

"We're doing alright," said Jeremy Smith, 568th CSE, during halftime. "We've just got to keep playing and keep concentrating."

Key started the second half by missing his target, but on the next play ran 20 yards in what looked to be a good sign for a team that was behind by only one point. His next play was an attempted hand off, but another fumble. It was down to one more throw and, for the second time in the game, the ball spiraled perfectly toward its target and was intercepted by a jumping Ghost rider, Brandon Hupf, who ran ten yards before being tackled.

On the next Ghost rider drive, Shepherd

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Fall Classic brings 250 golfers to post

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

The Commanding General's Fall Classic Golf Tournament was held last Tuesday, drawing 250 golfers from Fort Riley and the surrounding communities.

This scrambles tournament was held to allow soldiers and leaders from Fort Riley to interact with local administrators.

"This is for the soldiers," said

Sgt. 1st Class James Blecha, tournament organizer. "This is to let the soldiers come out and get a really good deal, play golf, have a great time and meet some of the people from Junction City."

Finishing first in the championship flight were Mike Steffens, John Stewart, Troy Parnely and Dominic Thome with a score of 54. The team that finished second was comprised of Doug Crabtree, Tim Sweemer and Jeremiah Francis Carter with a score of 58.



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Capt. Mindy Rinehart, HHC, 24th Inf. Div., prepares to make a putt during the CG's golf tournament.



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Chronic Wasting Disease could be problem in Kansas

By Chris Nell
DES Biologist

Chronic wasting disease is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) currently found only in the Cervidae (deer) family. It was originally recognized as a clinical "wasting" syndrome in 1967 when it was found in mule deer at a northern Colorado research facility. Later it was identified as a TSE in 1978. During the mid-1980s CWD was found in free-ranging deer and elk in a contiguous portion of northeastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. In May of 2001, CWD was also found in a portion of southwestern Nebraska. The area in which these three states meet, where CWD is found in free-ranging deer and elk, is referred to as the endemic area. Wild cervids have not been translocated from the endemic area. However, early in 2002 CWD was identified in free-ranging deer in southern Wisconsin and the western slope of Colorado. It is also known to affect free-ranging deer in New Mexico. Thus prompting more diligent efforts aimed at research and management options to control CWD.

CWD has been found in captive elk herds in several states, including Kansas and two Canadian provinces. The first farmed elk herd positively diagnosed in the United States with CWD was in

1997 in South Dakota. Since then, it has been found in captive herds in six states: South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Montana and, as of January 2002, in Kansas. CWD has also been found in captive elk and free-ranging mule deer in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan and in captive elk herds in Alberta.

Only four species of deer have been affected with CWD, and they include Rocky Mountain Elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer and black-tailed deer. Other ruminant species such as cattle, sheep, and goats have been housed in wildlife facilities in direct and indirect contact with CWD and thus far have not been affected with the disease. Ongoing research is being conducted to determine whether or not there is a threat of transmission of CWD to other wildlife and domestic livestock.

Little is known about CWD other than it is progressive and always fatal. Symptoms include weight loss over time, listlessness, tremors, slobbering, excessive thirst and urination, poor coat condition, droopy ears, unusual behavior, including lack of response to people, and lack of coordination. It is unknown how CWD is transmitted and what actually causes it. Three main theories exist about the agent that causes CWD: it is caused by a prion, an abnormal protein; it is caused by an unconventional

virus or it is caused by a virino or "incomplete" virus. Transmission is thought to be lateral or from one animal to another, however maternal transmissions may occur. There is no known evidence that suggests that CWD or

CWD infected deer meat is harmful to humans.

As a result of interviews with over a dozen scientists, policy makers and special-interest groups conducted by the Rocky Mountain News, three key ways to fight CWD were derived:

1. Develop a live animal test. Currently the most efficient means of testing for CWD is by taking tissue samples from the brain stem of dead animals. Biologist and veterinarians both agree that a live test is essential in the early detection of affected animals without killing them.

Although labs at Colorado State have developed a rapid screening test that is much less expensive than before, it still takes several weeks. What is ultimately needed is a field test to tell hunters if their deer is infected with CWD.

2. Conduct further research on how CWD spreads. In order to control CWD, scientists and researchers need to understand fundamental aspects of the disease. Questions such as what,

where, why and how need to be answered.

3. Construct double fencing of captive game ranches. Surveillance of farmed elk began in 1997 by the US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health

Inspection Service and has been steadily increasing since. Surveillance of free-ranging elk and deer has been ongoing in Colorado and Wyoming since 1983. In 1997-1998 and extensive nationwide surveillance program began to better define the distribution of CWD throughout the United States. Over 15,000 free-ranging hunter killed cervids have been tested for CWD since the program began.

As of June 2002, two House and one Senate authorizing bills aimed at CWD were in conference committee. The House bills provide about \$10 million and the Senate bill about \$21 million. So far, the USDA has provided almost \$15 million in funds aimed at CWD issues. In Colorado, lawmakers have set aside \$1.9 million in funds from the Division of Wildlife to target CWD. Wisconsin legislature has appropriated \$4 million.

From a management perspective, CWD is a serious problem in some parts of the country. In Wisconsin, they have what they deem

to be an epidemic. Wisconsin wildlife officials have defined a three-county eradication zone covering some 374 square miles.

Within this zone they have increased the hunting season from nine days to more than 14 weeks. Their goal is to remove every last deer from this area that they call the "epicenter" of the disease. Although some feel this is excessive, Wisconsin officials believe this to be their best course of action to prevent any further damage to their deer herd. In Kansas, no free-ranging deer or elk have ever been found to have CWD.

Since 1998 Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has worked in cooperation with USDA veterinary services and the Kansas Animal Health Department to sample hunter killed deer. Sampling efforts have taken place in the management units closest to the endemic area of Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska. State and federal agencies are continuing to invest resources into research and control of CWD. APHIS is assisting state agencies in monitoring CWD and the interstate movements of animals to prevent further distribution of CWD.

Here on Fort Riley, we are implementing a surveillance program in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to sample deer taken during the post's firearms deer season on a voluntary basis. If you

wish to participate in the program, you will need to volunteer the head of your deer. State officials and Conservation Division staff will do all the sample collecting. The Conservation Division does not feel we have a threat of CWD, however it is good biology to sample now and obtain early detection if a problem truly exists. Although there has been no documentation of CWD transmission to humans, the following guidelines are suggested to keep risk minimal:

Don't shoot an animal that is acting abnormally or looks sick or emaciated. Wear rubber gloves when field dressing deer or elk. Bone-out meat and do not include the brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen or lymph nodes in items that people will consume. Do not bring to Kansas the brain, spinal cord or whole carcass from deer or elk killed in other states within the known distribution of CWD. Bury or landfill unusable remains of deer and elk. Never allow those waste items to be used in a rendering process or consumed by ruminant animals. Contact the nearest KDWP office or the Fort Riley Conservation Division as soon as possible if you see a deer exhibiting the symptoms described. Tissues submitted for sampling need to be as fresh as possible.

For more information, contact DES Conservation Division at 239-6211.

Commentary

'Cats should be saving energy for later in season, playing bigger teams

By Kevin Doheny
19th PAD

It's a familiar site for Wildcat fans.

3-0.

After wiping the floor with another small school Saturday, the Kansas State Wildcats once again find themselves on familiar ground. Undeclared and looking ahead to the Big 12 schedule.

Coach Bill Snyder has his Wildcats scoring at will against sub par defenses, and his defense looking like the "Steel Curtain" against undermanned and

undersized offenses.

Is this good for the 'Cats?

In past seasons, the 'Cats have done this before, and by seasons end they broke the hearts of their fans by losing a big game down the stretch or losing to Texas A&M in the Big 12 Championship.

I understand the strategy Snyder takes, because 3-0 is much better than 2-1. I think that this will hurt the 'Cats in the long run.

A few of the ways the Bowl Championship Series rates teams are strength of schedule as well as quality wins. So, why

take the risk on playing Eastern Illinois, when you can play a Virginia or an Oregon State.

Surely Snyder can recruit well enough to compete against second-tier teams like the Cavaliers and the Beavers. Look at some of the other top teams in the conference. Oklahoma brought in Alabama to play during their non-conference schedule. Texas traveled to North Carolina and Nebraska tangled with Penn State.

Not only will this hurt the 'Cats in the BCS standings, but also when teams travel to different areas of the country, they

have the ability to possibly impress local high school prospects.

If the 'Cats were to travel to Virginia and play, then they would have the chance to impress that high school prospect that would normally stay in state. That prospect would maybe sign with the 'Cats instead of the Cavaliers or Virginia Tech.

I don't want this to be a bashing session, because the fact is, the 'Cats face a good Southern California football team tomorrow. This is the type of game that needs to be on the 'Cats schedule every year.

In order for them to get over the hump, from a top 25 team to a top 10 team, the 'Cats must be able to recruit with the "big boys" of college football.

I'm not saying they need to go out and schedule Florida State and Miami every year, but mix in an Arizona State or a Colorado State every now and then, and win the recruiting war.

It's not the end of the world, and I should be positive about what the 'Cats have done so far this year. But, I've seen this movie before, and it doesn't have a happy ending for K-State. Only time will tell, and I'll hope for the best.

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K-State's Rashad Washington blocks Eastern Illinois' Tom Schofield's punt, which led to the Wildcat's first touchdown of the day.

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and four others sell sodas, candy, popcorn and peanuts on the west side of the stadium to raise money for their scholarship fund.

"This is a good opportunity to raise money, plus support the K-State football team. It's very successful. For the last two games, we've raised significant money for them (KSU) and we get a percentage of it of course," said Smith.

Although feeding 45,000 plus fans is hard work, Smith said it's also rewarding. "At half time, we all need to be here, but throughout the course of the game a couple get to watch the game. We rotate in and out. It's great! It's football! K-State fans are really supportive."

In addition to being a football fan, Smith also respects K-State for its Green to Gold program. "A lot of soldiers I know have gotten out of the Army, trained and go to K-State to become officers in the Army. That's a great program in itself," he said.

Jason Heaser, a security guard at the game, is participating in the Green to Gold program as an Army ROTC cadet.

The former Fort Riley 331st Signal Company soldier and his fellow cadets run security during

home games to the west tower for the VIPs and press.

"They choose cadets primarily because they know that we're going to be responsible enough and present a good enough appearance," he said. Heaser has worked two of the three home games and enjoys the interaction with the VIPs.

"Ironically enough, at the Louisiana Monroe game I got to speak to my battalion commander from Fort Riley, and Lt. Gen. Seitz has a suite on the third or second floor, and he comes in and chats with us a lot," he said.

Heaser now senses the community's appreciation for the military, and recognizes the common bond the communities share. "A lot of them really appreciate what the Fort Riley community is doing for Manhattan and K-State," he said from the dry press box.

Back on the saturated field, cheerleaders belly surfed across the turf and students, most without raincoats, rattled their keys and bounced to the Wabash Cannonball as K-State rained victorious. Willie the Wildcat ended the game in military style, doing 63 pushups for each point scored by K-State, bringing their record to 3-0.

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select Walt Disney World Resorts, available most nights, Oct. 2 - Dec. 25, excluding Nov. 26 - Nov. 29. The number of rooms available at this rate is limited. Additional charges apply if there are more than two adults per room. Active military personnel must present proper identification at time of check-in.

For more information or to make a reservation, military personnel may call 407-WDISNEY and mention code CNL.

Silver Dollar City

Festival of American Music and Craftsmanship is coming to Silver Dollar City in Branson. When autumn colors blaze through the Ozark Mountains, the heart and soul of Silver Dollar City festivals honors the voices and hands that fashion our heritage during the all new Festival of American Music and Craftsmanship.

See America's most unique crafts, from carving to copper-smith, barrel making and more! Visiting musicians perform bluegrass, gospel and country music on stages throughout the City.

Don't miss an exhibit honoring one of the nation's most beloved authors, 1880s-era writer Laura Ingalls Wilder, with memorabilia, music and film from her Ozarks' someplace.

Discount tickets are available to Silver Dollar City and numerous shows and attractions in Branson. Let ITR put together a weekend package.

Worlds of Fun

Worlds of Fun prices are falling. The Fall Special is valid through Oct. 27. Ticket will be valid at Worlds of Fun Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 27.

What's more fun than a summer bursting with rides, shows and attractions? Fall weekends filled with tricks, treats and spooky shows! HALLOWEEK-ENDS can be enjoyed by the littlest of ghouls to the oldest of goblins. BOO!BLAST!, in the Scandinavian section of the park, is an area just for kids under 12, providing innocent Halloween delights.

HALLOWEEN HAUNT, located in the African section, offers frightful fun for older kids and adults. HALLOWEEK-ENDS: creep into Worlds of Fun weekends from Sept. 21 - Oct. 27.

Wings Over Topeka

Wings Over Topeka "Family Freedom Day" has a two-fold mission: To thank American citizens for their support of the

Armed Forces and to thank veterans of all conflicts for their service. The new daylong event, which begins when the gates open at 10 a.m. on Sept. 28, at Forbes Field, Topeka, involves an air show, concert and fireworks display.

The air show consists of three elite demonstration teams considered among the world's best at performing aerial stunts: The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Canadian Snowbirds and U.S. Army Golden Knights, plus many more. Aircraft and other military equipment from across the nation will be on display.

Tickets are now available through ITR.

Renaissance Festival

Renaissance Festival in Kansas City — visit the 16th century village of Canterbury through Oct. 14, on weekends and Columbus Day. The Fest is situated on nearly 16 acres of shaded lanes. Browse and shop from over 160 artisans and their handcrafted

wares.

Entertainment awaits with over 13 stages, as well as live interaction with the colorful characters roaming the lanes of the village. This year brings the return of Robin Hood and his merry men. Be a spectator at the Ultimate Gladiator Games!

Witness live jousting in our dynamic new jousting arena at the Renaissance down!

Discount tickets are available through ITR, adults \$12 children (5-12) \$5.50.

Carnival Cruises

Dollar for vacation dollar, you get more for your money on a "Fun Ship" cruise vacation.

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vised activities of Camp Carnival children's program. Even the 24-hour stateroom service is complimentary. Plus, you'll have a spacious stateroom where you can savor the sheer joy of unpacking once and only once. In addition to all this, you'll get to sail to exciting destinations while you dine or dance or dream the night away. Great military discounts available.

Kansas City Chiefs

Limited tickets are still available for all home games. Stop by ITR for a schedule.

Movie Tickets

Passes may be used at Carmike Cinemas in Manhattan and Westside Twin in Junction City. Cost is \$5 for J.C. and \$5.50 for Manhattan. This is a great savings for evening shows. A savings of up to \$2 per ticket. Go to ITR for more information.

Football

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ran another 10 yards on the first play, and on the second threw the ball to Kevin Doherty, who was stopped just before going into the end zone. Miller ran in and completed the touchdown on the next play.

At this point in the game, the 568th CSE team decided to replace Key as their quarterback with Danny Fernandez. Fernandez, however, was blitzed on his first play, and the ball changed hands rather quickly once again.

The beginning of the fourth quarter held a bit of a surprise as Tory Crawford received the ball, but was forced back behind the line of scrimmage, scurrying around to avoid the opposition and finally moving forward to be tackled at the same point that the ball was originally handed to him.

This indicated no set back, however, as the 24th ID proceeded to move up the field with a series of hand offs, and finally scoring.

The 24th ID again intercepted a pass on 568th CSE's next play, then passed the ball to Miller who ran into the end zone, slamming the ball to the ground for a game ending touchdown. The game ended with the 24th ID on top.

The 568th CSE will play their next game Tuesday against 1st Finance. The 24th ID Ghostriders play their next game Oct. 2, against HHC, 937th Engineers.

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